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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNTERMEASURES IN DAVAO

REF: STATE 168052, MANILA 10015, STATE 172954, MANILA 10249,  
STATE 178284

1. AS AGENCY AWARE, HARRISON SHAFFER, BPAO DAVAO, HAS  
SPENT PAST THREE WEEKS UNDERGOING SURGERY AT CLARK AFB  
HOSPITAL AND CONVALESCING IN MANILA. SHAFFER NOW FULLY  
RECUPERATED AND WE PLAN RETURN HIM TO DAVAO ASAP,  
ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF UPCOMING PROGRAMS.

2. MISSION HAS REVIEWED SITUATION AND IS IN POSSESSION OF  
NO REPEAT NO NEW INFORMATION ON SECURITY CLIMATE BEYOND  
THAT REPORTED IN REFTELS. TRIAL OF HIJACKERS REPORTEDLY WILL  
GET UNDERWAY IN NEAR FUTURE, BUT MAY DRAG ON FOR INDEFINITE  
PERIOD.

3. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND SHAFFER'S RETURN O/A AUGUST 18 WITH  
FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO BE PUT INTO EFFECT AS  
INDICATED:

A. RSO WILL RETURN TO DAVAO WITH SHAFFER AND REQUEST FROM  
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LOCAL POLICE AND/OR PC COMMANDER ARMED BODYGUARD WHO WILL

TAIL SHAFFER'S VEHICLE ON REGULAR RUNS. PERMANENT 24-HOUR GUARDS WILL BE RECRUITED AND POSTED AT SHAFFER RESIDENCE. RSO WILL REVIEW SECURITY PRECAUTIONS WITH SHAFFER SERVANTS AND FAMILY AND CHECK PHYSICAL SECURITY OF RESIDENCE. RSO WILL ALSO PROVIDE WEAPON TO BE KEPT IN SHAFFER RESIDENCE.

B. NEW EMBASSY SEDAN WILL BE FULLY ARMORED AND SHIPPED TO DAVAO AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE (ETA DAVAO ABOUT SEPTEMBER 15). USIS STATION WAGON NOW IN DAVAO WILL BE RETURNED TO EMBASSY TO REPLACE SEDAN. NEW USIS DAVAO DRIVER HAS BEEN RECRUITED AND TRAINED IN EVASIVE DRIVING TECHNIQUES. IN INTERIM PRIOR ARRIVAL ARMORED VEHICLE SHAFFER WILL EMPLOY ROTATION VEHICLE PROCEDURES.

C. USIS PROVIDING SHAFFER WITH THREE HALLICRAFTER TRANS-CEIVERS, ONE FOR SHAFFER HOME, ONE FOR USIS OFFICE AND ONE FOR LOCAL SECURITY REACTION FORCE HEADQUARTERS. ARMORED SEDAN WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH 90-WATT MT-76 MOBILE TRANSCEIVER SO THAT SHAFFER CAN BE IN INSTANT COMMUNICATION WITH LOCATIONS CITED ABOVE.

4. WITH ABOVE PRECAUTIONS BELIEVE SHAFFER WILL BE AFFORDED ADEQUATE SECURITY PROTECTION IN ABSENCE ANY NEW HARD INFORMATION THAT THREAT HAS INTENSIFIED.

5. WILL TRANSMIT VIA SEPTTEL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO REPLACE UNITS DIVERTED FROM MANILA TO DAVAO.

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